



# DFIRS NEWS

## Delaware Fire Incident Reporting System

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### Status Report from the Program Manager

Currently, the DFIRS program is at a **69%** participation rate for the state, missing June's goal by 1%. The busy summer months present a challenge for getting things done; however, July's goal is to increase state participation to the 74% level.

### Number of Departments Not Participating Per County:

- New Castle County = 14 departments
- Kent County = 3 departments
- Sussex County = 2 departments

If your department is one of the remaining **19** departments not participating in the DFIRS program please contact Program Manager, Crystal Beach for assistance.

### Additional Information

Departments have asked whether or not the EDIN system (which is entirely different from the DFIRS program) and the free Federal Software utilized for DFIRS incident reporting can be placed on the same PC. The answer to this question is absolutely. Both the EDIN system and the free Federal Software have similar hardware requirements and both applications require access to the Internet.

### Mutual Aid versus Automatic Aid

When documenting incidents Section D on the Basic Module asks if aid was given or received. To clarify the correct option to select lets review the following information:

#### **Purpose:**

Mutual aid information can be used to study response levels necessary to control various fire and emergency situation. It can be used to determine the adequacy of resources at the local level and the need for adjusting cooperative agreements. The mutual aid entry serves as data control to ensure that the same incident is not counted more than once while still giving credit for activity performed by outside departments.

### Available Aid Given/Received Codes:

**Code 1 Mutual aid received** from an outside fire service entity upon request from the initial responding department.

**Code 2 Automatic aid received.** Included is a department receiving aid from an outside fire service entity that was dispatched automatically based on a prior agreement between two jurisdictions.

**Code 3 Mutual aid given** to an outside fire service entity on request of the outside entity.

**Code 4 Automatic aid given.** Included are departments automatically dispatched to give aid to an outside fire service entity based on a prior agreement between two jurisdictions.

**Code 5 Other aid given.** Included is a fire department responding to another jurisdiction or locale that has no fire department.

**Code N No aid given or received.**

For further clarification or additional questions contact Program Manager, Crystal Beach for assistance.

### Congratulations!

**The following departments are active electronic DFIRS participants:**

1. Indian River Volunteer Fire Co
2. Lewes Fire Department Inc
3. Bethany Beach Fire Co
4. Little Creek Volunteer Fire Co
5. Elsmere Fire Co #1 Inc
6. Citizen's Hose Co #1 Inc
7. Volunteer Hose Co
8. Dover Robbins Hose Co #1 Inc
9. Cheswold Volunteer Fire Co
10. Carlisle Fire Co Inc
11. Dagsboro Fire Co
12. Frankford Volunteer Fire Co
13. Selbyville Volunteer Fire Co
14. Seaford Volunteer Fire Dept Inc
15. Roxana Volunteer Fire Co
16. Farmington Fire Co

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## **FEMA/USFA TO BEGIN INITIAL AWARDS UNDER THE ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the United States Fire Administration (USFA) will begin the initial awarding of Assistance to Firefighters Grants on **Monday July 1**. Over 19,000 requests for funding have been received seeking more than \$2.2 billion, and it is anticipated approximately 5,500 will be awarded before the end of the year.

The peer review by 300 fire service personnel has been completed. The process of awarding the grants will move slowly at first as FEMA staff work through the notifications and documentation process, which are, for the first time, web-based. Once the system is familiar to all the staff involved with its various segments, the web-based system will allow a significant speed up in the process, up to approximately 500 grants every two weeks. At that pace, it will take approximately five months to complete all of the awards.

Fire Departments interested in regular updates on the grant program can visit the FEMA/USFA website at: [www.usfa.fema.gov/grants/](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/grants/)

17. Clayton Fire Co #1 Inc
18. Felton Community Fire Co
19. Wilmington Fire Dept
20. Greenwood Volunteer Fire Co
21. Camden-Wyoming Fire Co Inc
22. Magnolia Volunteer Fire Co Inc
23. Bowers Fire Co
24. Aetna Hose Hook & Ladder Co
25. Laurel Fire Dept Inc
26. Millville Volunteer Fire Co
27. Leipsic Volunteer Fire Co
28. Five Points Fire Co
29. Houston Volunteer Fire Co
30. Rehoboth Beach Vol Fire Co
31. Delmar Fire Dept Inc
32. Georgetown Fire Co Inc
33. Ellendale Volunteer Fire Co
34. Harrington Fire Co Inc
35. Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Co
36. Delaware City Fire Co
37. Odessa Fire Co
38. Milton Fire Dept Inc
39. Blades Volunteer Fire Co
40. Port Penn Volunteer Fire Co
- 41. Gumboro Volunteer Fire Co**
- 42. Marydel Volunteer Fire Co Inc**

**Departments in bold indicate participation since last published newsletter.**

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